

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to local input and control over news caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, they are able to operate out of a position of power and force their opinions on the local community. This can present a grave injustice to truth and fairness in broadcasting. Instead of listening to blatant political propaganda from biased partisans, it is important that we see real people who live and work in our communities and substantive news about issues that matter to local citizens. Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their narrow political views on their affiliates and calling it news, which is about as far from the truth as you can get.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Monopolies in any business are not good for truth and fairness, only for the powerful and rich. Their actions show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.